Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 08/29/2020 – 09/01/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 12:00pm 09/01/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4168	3960
Deaths**	112	45

*Confirmed: positive test result. **Deaths: *BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease*

City Case Count 09/01/2020 12:00pm	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	3453
Mesa	495	95
Connell	5,500	352
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	51
Kennewick	84,960	2444
Richland	58,550	874
West Richland	15,710	202
Benton City	3,560	150
Prosser	6220	381
Plymouth	-	16
Paterson	-	<10
Not Specified	-	95

Current Hospital Status Updated: 12:00pm 09/01/2020 M-F			COVID Like Illness = CLI
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	309	33	10.7%

Case Locations of Interest updated 12:00pm on 09/01/2020	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	480

Please visit **Washington State Department of Corrections site** for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm)

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Currently there are 23 **active outbreaks** in the general business community – these outbreaks meet the definition of an outbreak and have had active cases within the last 28 days. Additionally, there are 6 **Long Term Care** facilities that have active outbreaks and 2 **active outbreaks in Healthcare** settings

- Continue reviewing outbreak spreadsheet and identifying those outbreaks that have gone 42+ days without a positive case

- Developing a close contact form for schools to use when identifying the close contacts of a positive case as well as drafting a letter that schools can use to notify parents there has been positive cases in the school

- As in-person school has resumed at many of the private schools in our area, the outbreak mitigation team will be closely monitoring for potential outbreak situations with these schools

- Update on proclamation 20-57.1 Health of Agricultural workers – the update provides interpretive guidance on some of the language in the proclamation - https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Agricultural%20Safety%20Plan%20Interpretive%20Guidance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- Contact tracing team continues to be hard at work, actively investigating the positive cases in our area

- Developing a process for investigation of *positive antigen test* – DOH has determined that a positive antigen test is to be treated like a probable case and investigated accordingly.

  o An Antigen test is different from an antibody test. An antibody test reveals if a person has already been exposed to an infection, by detecting antibodies in their blood or serum. Antibody tests are not usually used to detect current infection. An antigen test reveals if a person is currently infected with a pathogen. Once the infection has gone, the antigen disappears. Antigen tests detect proteins, such as those found on the surface of a virus. An antigen test is generally not as accurate or as sensitive as COVID PCR test (like those done at the National Guard sites) however a positive antigen test will be treated as a probable case and investigated accordingly.

  o There are currently about 30 antigen tests results that BFHD will be investigating

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- HAPO Center is the only National Guard Test Site for Benton/Franklin County. **No appointments are necessary, but please bring Insurance card - if you have coverage – if not insurance is not required. HAPO Center is a drive thru testing site only but they cannot accommodate van loads or busloads of people this is for the safety of the testing personnel so they do not have to enter a van or bus.** The drive thru testing site is available to all residents and does not require a physician's order to receive a test. Those that need a "free" test can still get a test, the HAPO site will operate Tuesday – Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm. To date **The National Guard has administered 12,612 COVID tests. The HAPO center conducted 113 tests on Saturday 8/29 and 164 tests on Tuesday 9/1**

- Planning continues for the Health Commons Pilot Project for high throughput community testing. A contract to use the New Horizon Facility, on the CBC campus is being finalized and the Pasco Fire Department has committed to providing the management overview for the project.

VOLUNTEERS: Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.

- Interested in **volunteering** at BFHD go to: VOLUNTEER AT BFHD

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.
• New report shows COVID-19 cases hitting a plateau in some areas of Washington state https://coronavirus.wa.gov/news/new-report-shows-covid-19-cases-hitting-plateau-some-areas-washington-state • BFHD updates Website Twitter and Facebook daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:
• If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution
• **Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.** PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week. Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:
• Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
• Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
• M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon)
• Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
• Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
• Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
• Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
• Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
• Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners
• Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone   1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847#   access code: 3555#
• Thursday at 9:30am - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate
• Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
• Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council
• Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies

- Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination

FUTURE OPERATIONS:

- Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area

- Preparing messaging for upcoming holidays and HAPO Testing site hours/days

- Health Commons Project – community partners

- Increase testing numbers – public messaging

CURRENT RISKS:

- Throughput at the HAPO drive-thru testing site – testing numbers

- Governor Proclamation 20-57.1 and Impacts to Agricultural community

- Labor Day holiday and social/family gatherings impact on case count

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: https://www.bfhd.wa.gov

- Washington State Department of Health: https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

- REDI Healthcare Coalition: https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei-

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff

Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies

WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer

Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer

Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons